

Downtown Parks and Open Space

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

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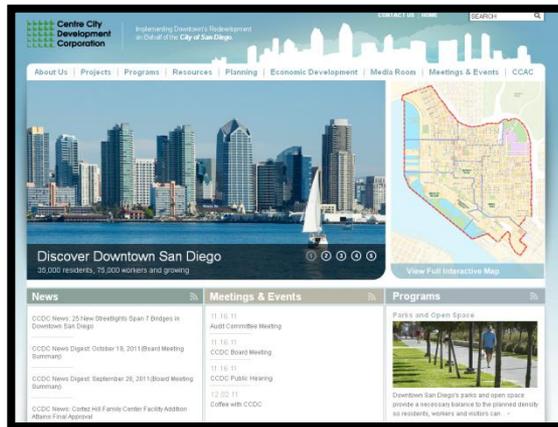
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Downtown Community Plan

Chapter 4 – Parks, Open Space and Recreation

- CCDC website (www.ccdc.com)
- Park Planning
- Parks in Design
- Park Site Acquisitions
- Other Parks



Overview

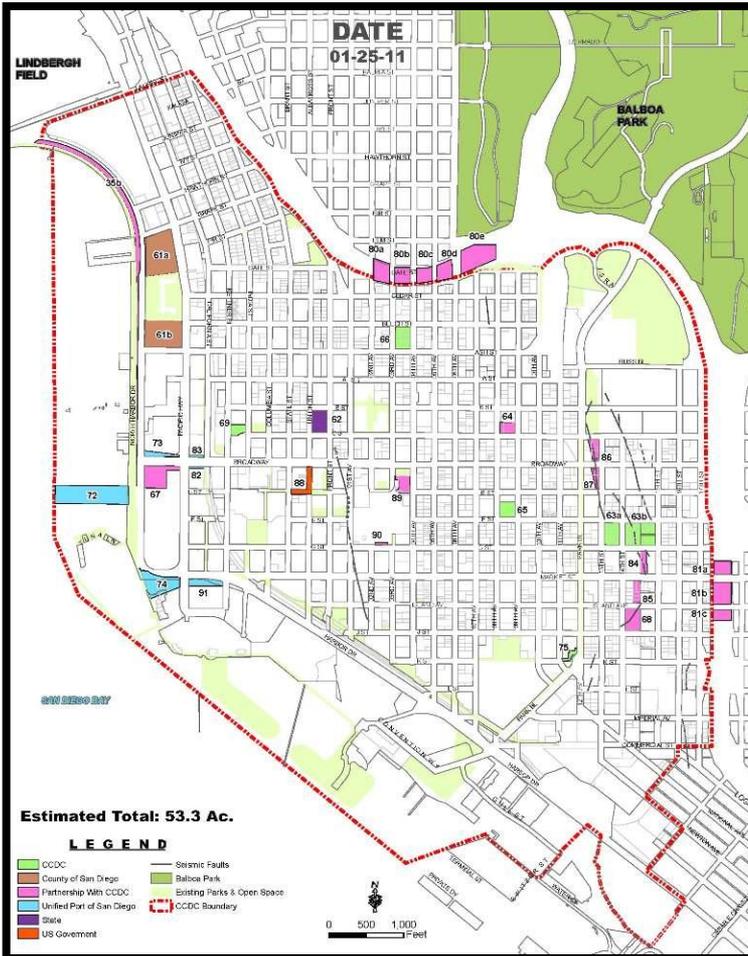
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- Existing parks and open space within CCDC boundary
- Includes other jurisdictions
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping
- Constantly being updated
- Available on our Web site's (www.ccdc.com) interactive map



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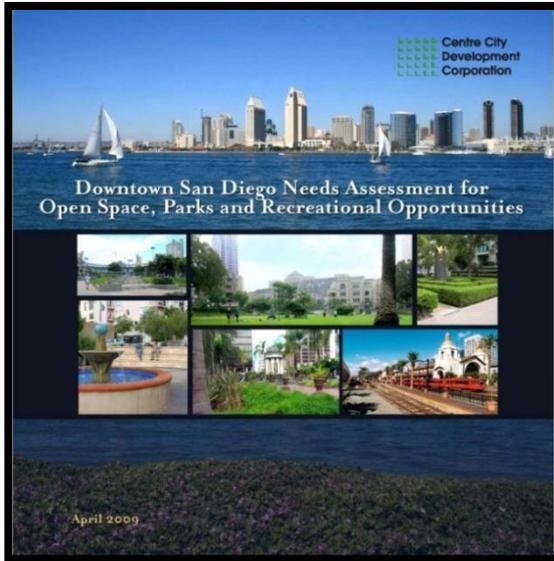


- CCDC's jurisdiction
- Includes other jurisdictions
 - Port of San Diego
 - County of San Diego
 - Federal Government
- Partnership with CCDC
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Open Space Needs Assessment

- Completed in May '09
- Identified needs of downtown residents, workers and visitors overall and by neighborhood
- Top needs:
 - Multi-purpose open space
 - Dog parks/dog runs
 - Playgrounds or tot lots
 - Walkable streets/trails/jogging paths



POTENTIAL NEED	TECHNIQUE													
	Existing data review	Site analysis	Public workshops	Stakeholder interviews	Provider interviews	Intercept surveys	Children's workshops	Special workshops	Jurging - residents	Survey - visitors & workers	Benchmarking	Growth projections	Employment trends	Lifestyle analysis
Multi-purpose open space	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dog parks/dog runs			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Playgrounds or tot lots		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sidewalks/walkable streets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bicycle/skiing trails (paved)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jogging paths			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Picnic areas		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor seating areas		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming pools/aquatics centers			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community/rec. centers			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Historic/cultural centers			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Natural areas		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waterfront access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor amphitheater			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball/sport courts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Soccer fields/athletic fields			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennis courts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transit	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Youth/teen centers			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skateboard parks			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming beaches			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baseball/softball fields			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fishing piers			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hiking trails			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Address homelessness		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concessions/food in parks		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interactive fountains/water play			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health/fitness facility			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boating area/marina			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor game tables			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Restrooms			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage/wayfinding		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Racquetball/handball courts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volleyball courts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bicycle trails (unpaved)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canoe/kayak launches			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Golf courses			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior center/facilities			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Educational classes			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gymnasiums			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Horton Plaza

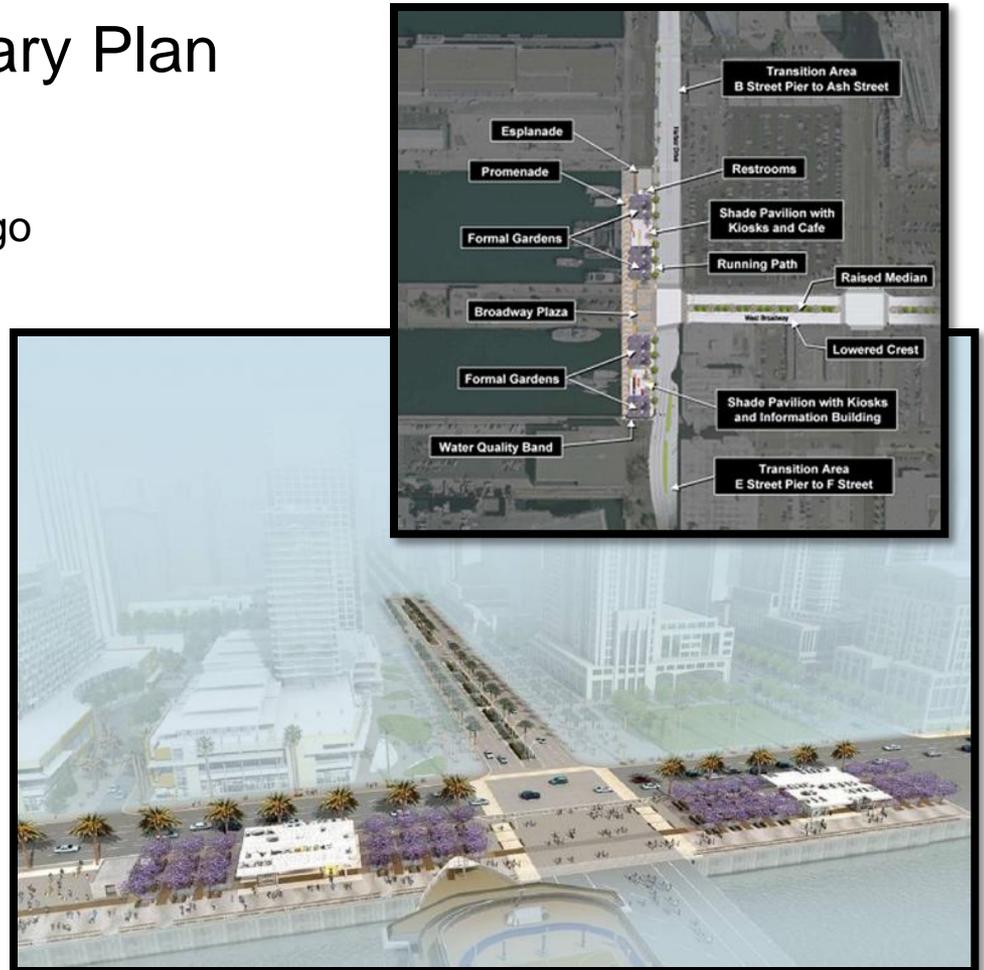
- Development of a new urban plaza (approx. 37,000 sf)
- Rehabilitation of historic park and fountain (approx. 20,000 sf)
- True gathering place for civic events – 200+ events/year
- Currently in Design Development
- Anticipate Authorization to Bid in Fall 2012
- Anticipate begin construction in 2013
- Targeted park opening in December 2013 (OPA-Spring 2014)



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North Embarcadero Visionary Plan

- Park space, extensive landscaping and other improvements along the San Diego waterfront
- Collaborative effort between Port, City and CCDC
- Phase 1 Groundbreaking set for January 5, 2012

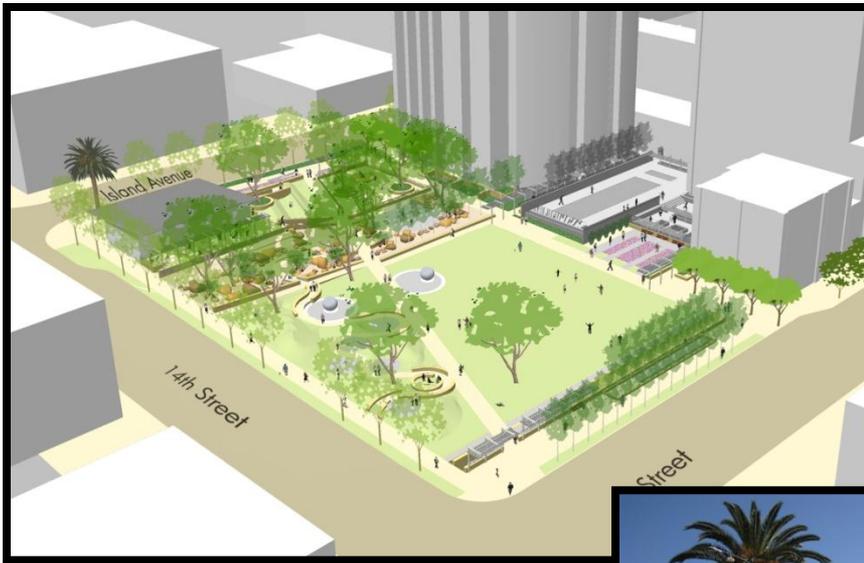


Park Design

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14th & Island Park

- 57,000 SF (1.3 ac) park on private land with Public Use Easement
- Park to be constructed in phases along with first phase of private development
- Developer/HOA maintained
- Drawings are in plan check
- Anticipate begin construction in early 2012
- Anticipate park Phase I opening in late 2012



Park Design

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Interim Leash-free Dog Park



- Approx. 16,500 square feet
- Variety of amenities
- Part of overall block improvements
- Received authorization to bid in February 2011
- Currently on-hold
- Anticipate opening in 2012

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Children's Park Study

Proposed Improvements

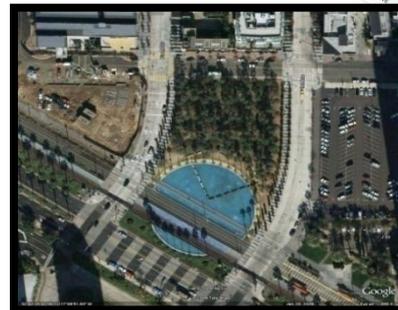
- Children's play equipment
- Multi-purpose lawn area
- Promenade along Island Avenue
- Replace Cypress trees with canopy trees
- Incorporate a public restroom
- Incorporate a food/beverage vendor building
- Incorporate an interactive water feature
- Currently on-hold



Master Plan



Phase One

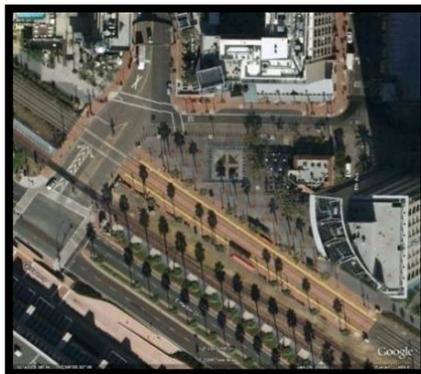
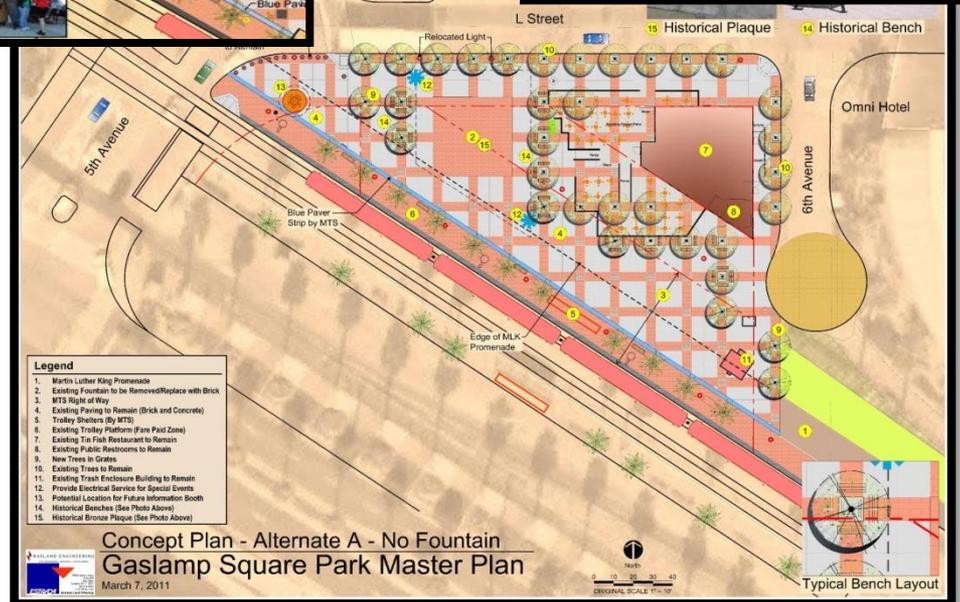
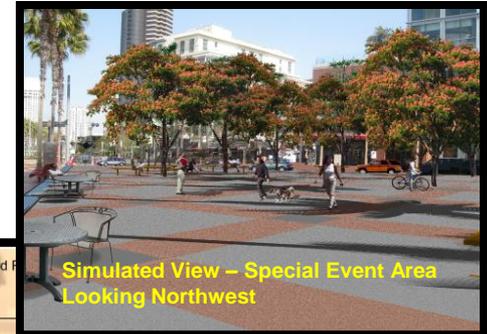


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Gaslamp Square Park Study

Proposed Improvements

- Remove existing fountain to create large gathering/event area
- Add seating and trees
- Potential to add information/trolley ticket booth/ kiosk (potential partnership with MTS)
- Currently on-hold



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East Village Green

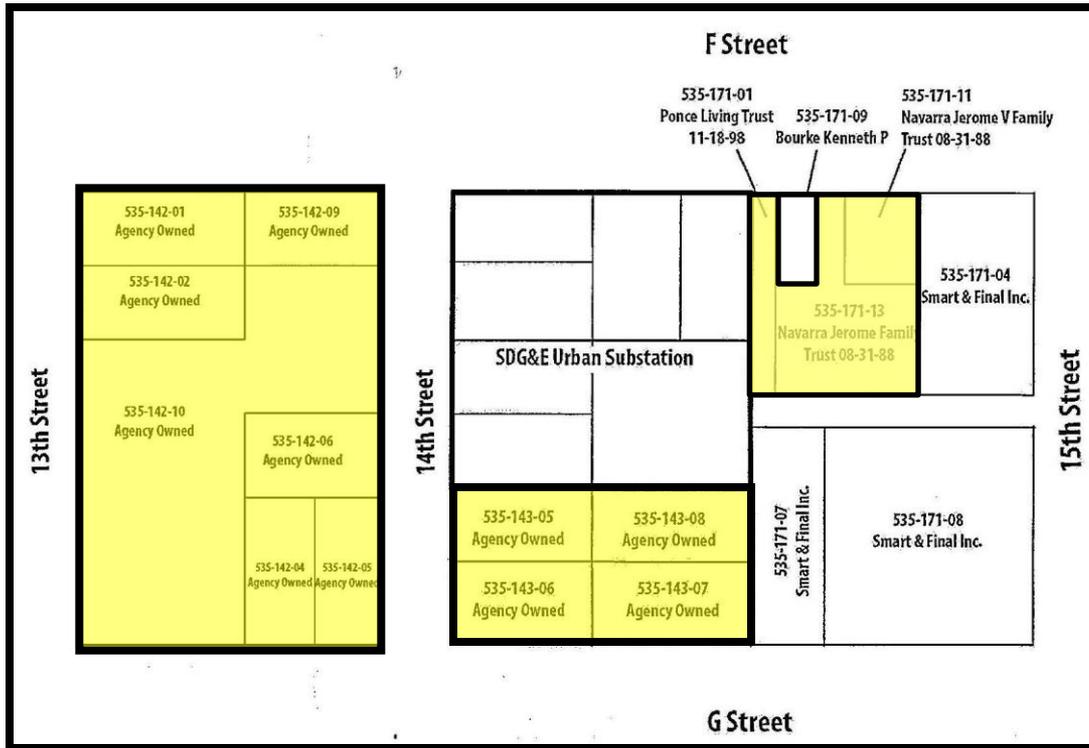


Potential Improvements

- 4.1 acres; would be largest park in Centre City
- West Block – Active
- East Block – Passive
- Underground recreation center and parking

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East Village Green



 = Agency-owned Property



	PROPERTY OWNER / APN NUMBER	LAND ACQUISITION
1	SDG&E / APN 535-143-01-04, 09 & 11	39,900 SF
2	Smart & Final / APN 533-171-04, 07 & 08	38,360 SF
3	Bourke / APN 535-171-09	1,750 SF
	Total (excluding SDG&E)	40,110 SF

FY 2011- 2012 Budget Parks and Open Space

St. Joseph's Park

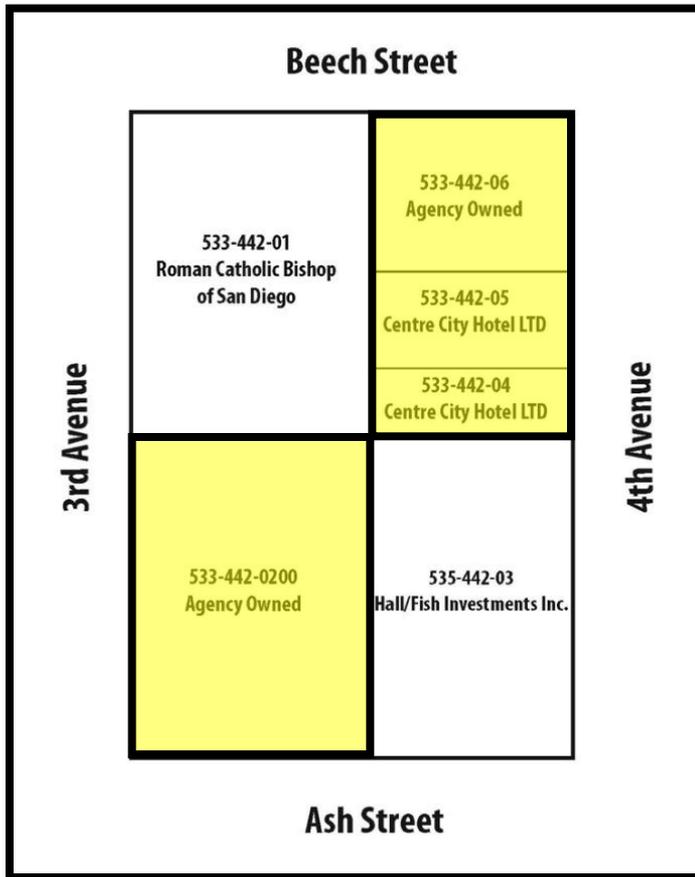


Potential Improvements

- 1.4 acres in Cortez neighborhood
- St. Joseph's Cathedral as backdrop
- Flexible open space for a variety of uses
- North-south linear allee for peaceful strolling and sitting
- Underground parking

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St. Joseph's Park



	PROPERTY OWNER / APN NUMBER	LAND ACQUISITION
1	Roman Catholic Church / APN 533-442-01	15,000 SF
2	Hall/Fish Investments / APN 533-442-03	15,000 SF
	Total	30,000 SF

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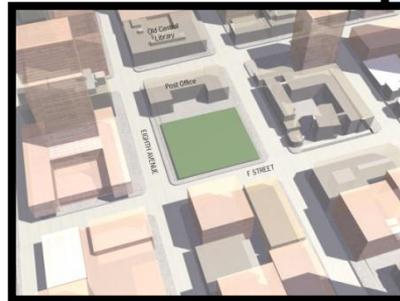
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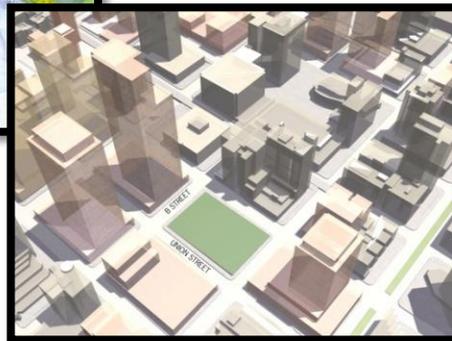
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Other Parks and Open Space

- Amici Park
- Post Office Square
- North Central Square
- Civic Square
- Navy Broadway Park
- Freeway Lids



Post Office Square



Civic Square



Figure 4-1 – Parks and Open Spaces
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Questions / Comments

